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SGT. JOHN F. LONCRINI

Sgt. Loncrini Wins Recognition In Vietnam

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam - Sargeant John F. Loncrini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Loncrini of 128 Cooley St., Agawam, Mass., has been recognized for helping his organization, the 1964th Communications Group, earn the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for a third consecutive year in Viet-

Sergeant Loncrini a communications specialist, will wear a distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration.

The major Air Force Communications Service (AFCS) unit in Vietnam, the 1964th is headquartered at Tan Son Nhut Air Base and has 10 subordinate squadrons operating throughout the country.

The organization was nominated for the award by General William W. Momyer, commander of the U. S. Seventh Air Force, Vietnam, for its "Yankee ingenuity" and outstanding proficiency in providing direct communications, navigational aids and air traffic control in the combat zone during a period of greatly expanding tactical operations. The general cited the 1964th for its high degree of professionalism in spite of "extreme difficulties associated with living and working under field conditions." ing under field conditions."

Group achievements included handling nearly 350,000 takeoffs and landings by AFCS air traffic controllers during a single month. During the year they also prevented the possible loss of 48 costly aircraft and their crews through expert guidance during inflight emergencies.

In addition to operating an incountry communications network to support combat operations, group personnel inaugurated telephone service between theater USAF Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) stations and field hospitals, enabling American patients to talk with their families in the states.

Sargeant Loncrini is a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School.

MASS. CASH BALANCE \$68 MILLION FOR MARCH

Massachusetts' cash balance for March was \$68 million, State Treasurer, Robert Q. Crane announced today in his monthly report on the financial condition of the Commonwealth.

State Treasurer Crane pointed out that because March total disbursements exceeded total receipts by nearly \$2 million the state's cash balance for March was \$1.9 million less than the February balance.

The state treasurer's report showed the March cash balance as \$68,017,073.89 as compared to \$69,915,383.05 for February. Total disbursements by the state for March, Treasurer Crane added, were \$292,780,536.58 as against total receipts of \$290,882,227.42.

Treasurer Crane's report further shows the state's bonded indebtedness still over the one billion dollar mark. As of April 1, he said, total indebtedness was \$1,069,795,000 while a year ago it was \$935,066,000.

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WINNERS IN JR. WOMEN'S POSTER CONTEST



Front row, left to right: Jane Benerakis, 1st prize; Karen Campbell, 2nd prize; Virginia Roberts, 3rd prize; Honorable Mention, Ronald Ashton, Terry Ann Stetson, and Susan Oliver,

Agawam Junior Women's Club held their judging for the Conservation Poster Contest last Tuesday, April 2nd at Mrs. Walter McCarthy's home, chairman of conservation.

Judges were Mrs. Janet Gilmon, Elementary Art Supervisor in Agawam, and Mrs. Florence Childs, Elementary Art Supervisor of the Ludlow Schools.

1st place winner was - Miss Jane Beneraks, South Elementary, 2nd place, Karen Campbell, Danahy School; 3rd place, Virginia Roberts, Phelps School.

Three honorable mentions were: Miss Suzan Oliver, South Elementary; Miss Terry Ann Stetson, South Elementary; and Ronald Ashton, Granger School.

Agawam YMCA To Sponsor Trip To Mystic Seaport

Mario J. Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA, an-nounced today that there will be a special trip to Mystic Seaport on Thursday, April 18th. This trip

is open to all boys and girls grades 3-6. There are fees for both members and non-members which include bus transportation, insurance, leadership, milk and entrance fees. Registration is limited to 40 youngsters, therefore, you must register early. For further information call the Agawam YMCA, 108 Perry Lane.

Trip To Higgins Armory Museum

Mario J. Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA, announced today that a special bus trip for boys and girls grades 3-6 will be held on Tuesday, April 16th to the Higgins Armory in Worcester, Mass. The youngster will bring their lunch and will visit Greenhill Park and Friendly Ice Cream on their way. A fee for members of the Y or non-members will be charged and this will include bus fare, insurance, leadership, refreshments, entrance fees. Only 40 boys and girls will be able to go, therefore, advance registrations are important. For further information call 733-9676 or the Agawam YMCA, 108 Perry Lane, Agawam.

Westfield Savings Bank Assets Increase Over Last Year

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WESTFIELD - Total assets of Westfield Savings Bank on March 31 were a record \$54,104,408, representing an increase for the year of \$3,973,796, Arthur W. Knapp, president, reported during the 115th meeting of corporators of the bank at the Sheraton Inn on Wednesday night.

"The past year has been a very fine year for Westfield Savings Bank," Mr. Knapp said. "Savings deposits have remained at a good level, and the demand for mortgages is very strong, reflecting the excellent housing activity in the Greater Wesfield area. The year 1968 also is a year of promise, and I am confident the bank will continue its record of growth."

The Westfield Savings president reported that savings deposits on March 31 were also at a record figure, \$47,456,897, for an increase of \$3,065,388 during the year. The bank, which has almost 30,000 depositors, is currently paying dividends at the rate of 4-1/2 percent on regular savings accounts and 5 percent on special notice, or 90-day, ac-

Real estate loans were also at a new high of \$41,154,159, with the increase during the year totaling \$4,199,442.

"I regard the demand for home mortgages significant and pleasing, from the point of view of the bank and of our communities," Mr. Knapp said, "because when homes are being built it means that the business and industrial segments of the communities are flourishing, with a favorable impact on the economy. I look for this to continue."

He told the corporators that construction of the bank's new Agawam branch is progressing satisfactorily, "and we anticipate offering the services of Westfield Savings Bank to that community in

the near future.",

The new Agawam branch is a brick colonial building being constructed on a two-acre site at 655 Main Street in Agawam. It will bring the number of Westfield Savings offices to four.

During the meeting Mr. Knapp was re-elected president, and vice-presidents re-elected were: Norman A. Clarke, president of the Columbia Manufacturing Co., David C. Colton, president of the Colton Agency, Inc., and Wesley L. Mitchell, retired vice-president of the Western Mass. Electric Co.

year terms were: Harold L. Drake of the Stevens Paper Mills; Charles A. Godin, president of the Adams Nursery; Lewis C. Parker, Jr., of White Industries, Inc.,; A. Stanley Rzewski, Westfield drugstore owner; Ralph D. Neth, treasurer of Westfield Savings Bank; and Mr. Knapp. Horace N. Fuller was re-elected clerk of the corporation.

The auditing committee elected Hitchcock and Co. of Springfield, certified public accountants, to conduct the annual audit of the

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Actually, it's a little late in the day to pretend that persistent coughing is just a harmless little idiosyncracy. The days when a cough was just a cough and what of it are as obsolete as the mustache cup.

Years of research and medical history have confirmed the fact that a chronic cough may be a symptom of respiratory disease which may seriously threaten health or even life. This fact has been emphasized to the general public repeatedly by official and voluntary health agencies since the National Tuburculosis and Respiratory Disease Association mounted its first nationwide RD educational campaign in 1963 with the slogan, "Short of breath? Cough too much? See your doctor - you may have a respiratory di-

A cough is considered chronic if it persists beyond three or four weeks, or if it clears up but keeps coming back. Such a cough can be symptomatic of a chronic respiratory disease such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, TB, or lung cancer. The earlier such an ailment is diagnosed, the better the chance of its being treated effectively. If you have a cough you can't shake off, two immediate courses of action are advisable: stop smoking, and see your doctor. Your Christmas Seal organization has an informative leaflet, "Chronic Cough, the Facts." Ask for it - it's free.

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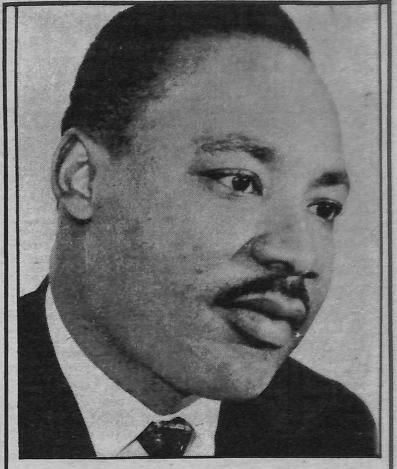
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"As this movement grew, some Negroes devoted their lives to the purchase and liberation of others. 'Help me buy my mother,' or 'Help me buy my child' brought the deep torture of black people's souls into stark focus for many whites to whom the horror of slavery had been emotionally remote.

"As one approaches the emancipation of today's Negro from all those traumatic ties that still bind him to slaveries other than the physical, this half-forgotten system that bartered dignity for dollars stands as a painful reminder of the capacity of society to remain complacent in the midst of injustice. There is a terrible parallel between the greedy hand of a slave trafficker who sold a Negro his own person, and the admonishing finger of people who say, 'What more will the Negro expect if he gains integrated schools, public facilities, voting rights and progress in housing?'

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Mario J. Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA, announced today that Carmen Biagini has been apointed camp director of the Agawam YMCA Camp operations. This includes Camp Little Steam for preschool boys and girls; Camp Millbrook, The YMCA Day Camp for grades 1-6; and Leaders in Training for junior high boys and girls in grades 7-9. Mr. Biagini

will be responsible for a staff of Mr. Biagini is a senior at West-

field State College and plans to teach in the elementary school system. He is married to the former Carol Trombley. They have one daughter, Linda Lee, and they reside at 451 Elm Street, West Springfield, Mr. Biagini was camp director last season and under his leadership the camp enrollments increased, Registrations for camp enrollment are now being taken. Parents should

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Snelling and Snelling Offers

Free Summer Jobs To Students

The Springfield, Mass. office of Snelling and Snelling, Personnel Consultants, is offering free counselling on summer jobs for area youth, General Manager Henry Parish announced today.

The program is open to all local high school and college students. It is designed to enable them to earn tuition money for the coming year and to gain val-uable working experience.

By the start of summer vacation, all of the local companies will have been asked to provide Snelling and Snelling with de-scriptions of available summer jobs. As they come in, the job orders are bing posted on a bulletin board in the office of 135 State

Mr. Parish emphasized that any area student may check the board as often as he wishes, and that no fee will be charged to employer or employee for any job obtained through the Summer Job

In addition, each applicant is given a free booklet which offers helpful information on average pay for typical summer jobs, the type of jobs generally available,

and hints on interviewing.

Many positions go unfilled because the students have had little experience in job-hunting. "It is sometimes difficult to find the summer applicant exactly what he is looking for," says Mr. Parish, "but it is our business to know the employment market. We cannot promise him an ideal job. However, we can give him several valuable leads on where jobs are

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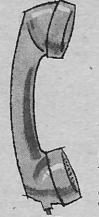
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The fabulous exhibition of Victorian Needlework now displayed at the Holyoke Museum from the Collection of the Smithsonian Institution has been extended to April 21st, Director Marie S. Quirk announced today.

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broidered rose in silk floss. The needlework reflects the taste of the period. Decorative needlework was a great pastime and was originally done by proper young ladies with few domestic responsibilities. Eventually women in all stations of life did ornate needlecraft.

Instructions and patterns for needlework were readily available. Some ladies created their own designs, others copied stitch by counted stitch. Few objects escaped embellishment by the Victorian needlewoman. She determined to leave no space uncluttered and she pursued this objective with needle in hand and a pattern as her guide.

Victorian tools and accessories such as a sewing bird, a "housewife" or sewing kit, a small running-stitch machine advertised in 1863 as a "holiday gift for the work-table"; and patterns from

Legal Notices

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State of Connecticut,

A libel has been presented to said Court by your wife, RAY-MONDE ST, PIERRE DEROSIER otherwise M. RAYMONDE ST, PIERRE DEROSIER, of Agawam, in the County of Hampden, by CARMEL ST, PIERRE, her next friend, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of cruel and abusive treatment/and neglect to provide suitable maintenance and praying for alimony and for custody of and allowance for minor child.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, within twenty-one days from the tenth day of May 1968, the return day of this citation.

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Witness, ABRAHAM I, SMITH,
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